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REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FACULTY HOUSING AT NAVAJO TECHNICAL  
UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, Navajo technical university began as the Navajo  
skill center in 1979, was renamed the Crownpoint institute of  
technology in 1985, was designated by the federal government in  
1994 as a land grant college and assumed its present name in  
2013; and

WHEREAS, Navajo technical university is an accredited and  
respected technical-vocational tribal university that offers a  
broad selection of certificate and associate's, baccalaureate  
and master's degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Navajo technical university is to  
educate Navajo individuals, utilizing state-of-the-art

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1 technology, to enhance desirable character traits, such as  
2 integrity, self-discipline, loyalty and respect, which give the  
3 Navajo people hope, courage and the resiliency essential to  
4 their survival as a people, using the strengths inherent in the  
5 Navajo cultural values and traditions; and

6 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university supports the beliefs  
7 that every student has the innate ability and intelligence to  
8 learn and acquire technical skills and that a disciplined  
9 learning environment, with innovative and viable  
10 community-based academic and vocational curricula, will produce  
11 a competent, educated and self-reliant participant of the  
12 Navajo Nation in the world of work; and

13 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university has a current student  
14 enrollment of eight hundred eighty-three students at its  
15 Crownpoint campus; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2017, Navajo technical university had fifty-  
17 three members of the teaching faculty at its Crownpoint campus;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, economic development and improvements in the  
20 educational performance of American Indian students at Navajo  
21 technical university strengthen the Navajo Nation and the state  
22 of New Mexico and provide a model for Native American  
23 communities throughout the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university seeks to increase its  
25 teaching faculty and attract new faculty members with varied

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1 backgrounds and areas of expertise from outside the immediate  
2 Crownpoint area; and

3 WHEREAS, housing opportunities for new faculty members  
4 moving to the Crownpoint area are very limited; and

5 WHEREAS, the provision of additional housing opportunities  
6 is essential to attract new faculty members at Navajo technical  
7 university's Crownpoint campus; and

8 WHEREAS, as a tribal university funded primarily by the  
9 federal government, Navajo technical university does not have  
10 resources other than government funds to support new  
11 construction of any kind;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be encouraged to  
14 provide additional financial resources to construct and  
15 maintain housing for faculty members at Navajo technical  
16 university's Crownpoint campus; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to members of New Mexico's congressional  
19 delegation, the secretary of Indian affairs and the president  
20 of Navajo technical university.